

Remarks/Arguments

A. Pending Claims

Claims 81-153 are pending. Claims 154-156 have been cancelled.

B. Election of Claims

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, namely claims 81-153 drawn to a production system, without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application or applications to non-elected subject matter.

C. Additional Comments

A fee authorization for a one-month extension of time fee is enclosed. If any additional extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any fees have been omitted or if any additional fees are required, please charge those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5226-00600/EBM

Respectfully submitted,



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